



Abbots Farm Junior School

Learners for Life, Farmers Forever

Resilient, Ambitious, Reflective, Healthy Body and Mind

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

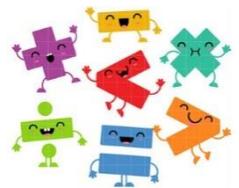
Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and, like us, are ready to get stuck in and see what the exciting term ahead may bring.

We are continuing to embed the key values within Year 3 and it has been excellent to see the children using these and becoming more resilient, reflective and ambitious learners. We are absolutely delighted with the way that the children have settled into life as Junior Farmers over the last term and cannot wait to continue the learning journey with them as we progress further into the school year.

What's happening in Year 3 this term?

Maths

Following a strong start to our Maths learning in Autumn term, we will be continuing to develop a range of different skills that we have built upon and secure the knowledge the children have already gained. The focus this term will be on securing our times table knowledge, as well as learning new methods for both multiplication and division. Towards the end of the term, we will be moving onto measure, where the children will learn to calculate the perimeter and area of shapes. The children will also be using a new interactive resource called times tables Rockstars to support their recall of multiplication facts.



English

Last term, we were blown away by some of the writing the children produced and we were particularly impressed with their Woolly Mammoth instructions and the Stone Age Boy narrative.

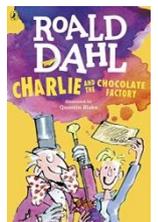
This term, we will be exploring different parts of the text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', giving the children plenty of different writing opportunities to showcase their fantastic writing skills. This will include:

- Exploring the thoughts and feelings of different characters
- Creating a whole new chapter focussing on the character and setting description.

We cannot wait to see the writing the children will produce.

We will also be continuing to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills throughout the term.

REMEMBER the library is open every day after school and the Y3 lunchtime slot is Monday for you to choose new books and enjoy reading in our lovely new library area! We will also visit the library as a class at least once a week.



Topic	<p>This term we will be beginning our exciting new topic 'Journey to Mexico'. Through this historical topic we will be looking at the indigenous people of Mexico known as the Mayans, what their impact was in central America and what happened to them. The children will also have an opportunity to strengthen their Geography skills by locating countries and cities of South America. Also, we will be taking a trip to Cadbury World to immerse the children further in their topic learning and to make discoveries about the significance of chocolate during the Mayan era.</p>	
Science	<p>Our new Science topic this half term is 'Food and our bodies', where children will learn all about the skeleton, as well as nutrition which has many links to our Healthy Body and Mind school value. The topic will allow the children to develop their use of scientific vocabulary and broaden their knowledge and understanding.</p>	

Home Learning

First of all, we would like to thank all of the children who have completed any of the topic based home learning projects last term. The quality and variety of work we received was outstanding and has been displayed in the classroom and around the school for all to see. This term there will be a new set of projects sent out, linked to our new Mayan topic, and we are excited to see the work the children will produce.

Our weekly home learning will continue to be set every Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. There will continue to be a strong focus on practising spellings over this term, therefore this will be a weekly task along with either a Maths or English based task.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website

www.abbotsfarm.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @abbotsfarm to keep up to date with the latest events and information



Key Dates	
<p><u>Class Assemblies at 9:05:</u> Wren Class Assembly— 30th January 9.05am</p> <p>Goldcrest Class Assembly— 13th March 9.05am</p> <p><u>Open afternoon</u> Week beginning</p>	<p><u>Other Dates:</u> Cadbury World 24th January</p> <p>Parents evenings – Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th February</p>

We hope that the information in this letter will help you to assist your child with their learning this term. If you wish to contact us for any reason, please feel free to speak to the office to arrange a time.

Best wishes

Mr Robinson, Mrs Bostock, Mrs Symes, Mrs Saturley and Mrs Tyler